

Mid-week Reflection for week commencing 11th October

The Eternal Priest

Hebrews 7 v 25 – 8 v 6

Uriah Heap was very humble in his approach if he wanted something from the people he worked for. Our approach to the people we encounter, I hope, would be quite different both on the street and in church, guided by our respect for one another. The Jews however had very set ideas and believed only the high priests, could approach God and that would mean expensive sacrifices. They were set above the everyday person in the street and I imagine one would have to ingratiate one's self before them.

Jesus, our great High Priest however was and is approachable at any- time, anywhere and by anyone who believes once and for all, 24/7, 365 a year, particularly busy on Sundays. Methodists, I don't think, are great at this priestly business, it's more about a one to one relationship we build up with Jesus, our friend and saviour, our mediator. We just know he will intercede should the need arise. We don't need to be ever-so humble but be prepared to take on the mind of Christ, looking not to our own interests but to the interests of others. (Phil2v5.)

Let us pray: Lord, we place ourselves in silence in the presence of the God of truth and love. In the presence of the one who intercedes for us, Jesus His Son. We pray in the power of the Spirit, offering our longings....., our thanksgivings....., our intercessions..... Lord we make our promises to worship and to live for you, so make us open to your will that we may discover new ways of approach to declare the good news of Jesus, the Eternal Priest. Amen

Meditation

*We are made like quilts, over time and with many hands, drawn together into what we are and not knowing which stitch it is that makes us whole. Which stitch, if removed would unravel the entire fabric.
(Erica Wagner)*

Jesus is the stitch that holds us tight.
Let's be careful not to unravel.

